**Direct Investment in Power Projects in A.P.**

154. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any direct investment in power projects located in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, project-wise and the amount of investment during the last three years; and

(c) the share of State Government in these power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) The details of projects where central sector investment has been made in the State of Andhra Pradesh are given as under:

(Rupees Crores)

| | | | Expenditure Incurred | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Project | Capacity | Approved Investment | 1999-00 | 2000-01 | 2001-02 |
| Ramagundam I & II* | 2100 MW | 2059.22 | - | - | - |
| Ramagundam III | 500 MW | 1818.46 | 0.00 | 0.65 | 182.58 |
| Simhadri | 1000 MW | 3650.79 | 624.16 | 896.88 | 767.98 |

*Ramagundam Stage I and II have already been completed.

Being the Central Sector projects, the State Government have no share in these investments.

**Mega Power Policy**

155. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Power has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for its consideration to expand mega power policy and provide fiscal sops to some of the projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposed policy covers all the theremal power projects of 1000 MW and above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The issue is under consideration of the Government.

**Additional allocation of power from Central pool to A.P.**

156. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government for supply of more electricity from Central pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of electricity demanded in megawatts by the State Government; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take on the request of State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No request from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the recent past for supply of more electricity from Central pool. However, a request for restoration of allocation from the unallocated power of Central Generating Satiations of Southern Region from 28% to 40% was received from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in July, 2002.

(c) Restoration of allocation was not found feasible due to following reasons:—

(i) Poor monsoon resulted in high shortage conditions in Karnataka and Kerala which are predominately dependent upon hydel generation.

(ii) A.P. was under drawing from Central Sector Station in Southern Region since May, 2002.

(iii) APTRANSCO surrendered its unallocated share in Kaiga Atomic Power Station.

(iv) A.P. stopped drawing power from GRIDCO (Orissa) on 220 KV Upper Sileru-Balimela line w.e.f. 16.04.2002.